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Applicant(s): Susan Slaughaupt et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Submitted via EFS
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action (non-final rejection) dated August 28, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants petition herewith and have paid the appropriate fee, to extend the period to respond to the Office Action by three months, up to and including February 28, 2007. Also filed herewith are Declarations of the Inventors Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.131 and 1.132. Attached to the § 131 Declaration are Exhibits 1-6.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.